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## **Secretary of State Kevin Shelley Votes Absentee, Encourages Californians to do the Same**

*Urges Voters to Study the Candidates and the Issues in the Comfort of their Homes*

SAN FRANCISCO — Taking advantage of the opportunity to study the candidates and the issues and cast their ballots in the comfort of their home, Secretary of State Kevin Shelley and his wife Dominique today voted their absentee ballots for the October 7<sup>th</sup> Statewide Special Election.

“I encourage Californians to follow my lead in voting by mail in order to avoid long lines at polling places, and be able to take the time in the comfort of their own homes to read and understand this unique ballot,” said Secretary of State Kevin Shelley.

Registered voters have until September 30<sup>th</sup> to request an absentee ballot by mail. All application requests for absentee ballots must be received by a voter’s county elections official by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, September 30<sup>th</sup> in order to participate in the October 7<sup>th</sup> Statewide Special Election. Voters can visit [www.myvotecounts.org](http://www.myvotecounts.org) and obtain an absentee ballot application. They can also request an application by calling the Secretary of State’s voter information hotline numbers in English, Spanish, Tagalog, Japanese, Chinese, Vietnamese, and Korean.

“It’s important that voters understand that all voted absentee ballots must be in the hands of county elections officials by the time the polls close on Election Day,” said Shelley. “Give yourself enough time to mail your ballot so that it will arrive at the county elections office on Tuesday, October 7<sup>th</sup> or consider dropping it off at any polling location in your county to make sure your vote is counted.”

All voted absentee ballots must be received by the county elections official by the close of the polls at 8:00 p.m. on Election Day. Voters may also drop off voted absentee ballots at any polling place in their county or at their county elections office by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

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NOTE TO NEWS EDITORS: A photo of the Secretary and his wife voting from home is available to AP members on the AP Wire.